



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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Topic	Positive Pressure Fire Doors		
Code Section(s)	§713.5, California Building Code (1998)		
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Is positive pressure testing (as opposed to neutral pressure) of all fire doors and windows required for occupancies regulated by the State Fire Marshal?

No. Section 3504.1.1 of the California Building Code (1998) states that whenever the UBC refers to UBC Standard 7-2, it shall mean SFM Standard 12-43.7. However, this citation number contains a typographical error and should read SFM Standard 12-7-4. SFM Standard 12-7-4 does not address "positive pressure".

Please note that SFM has amended the code to reference UBC Standard 7-2, which does address "positive pressure". This amendment will become effective 180 days after the 2001 Triennial Edition of the CBC is published.